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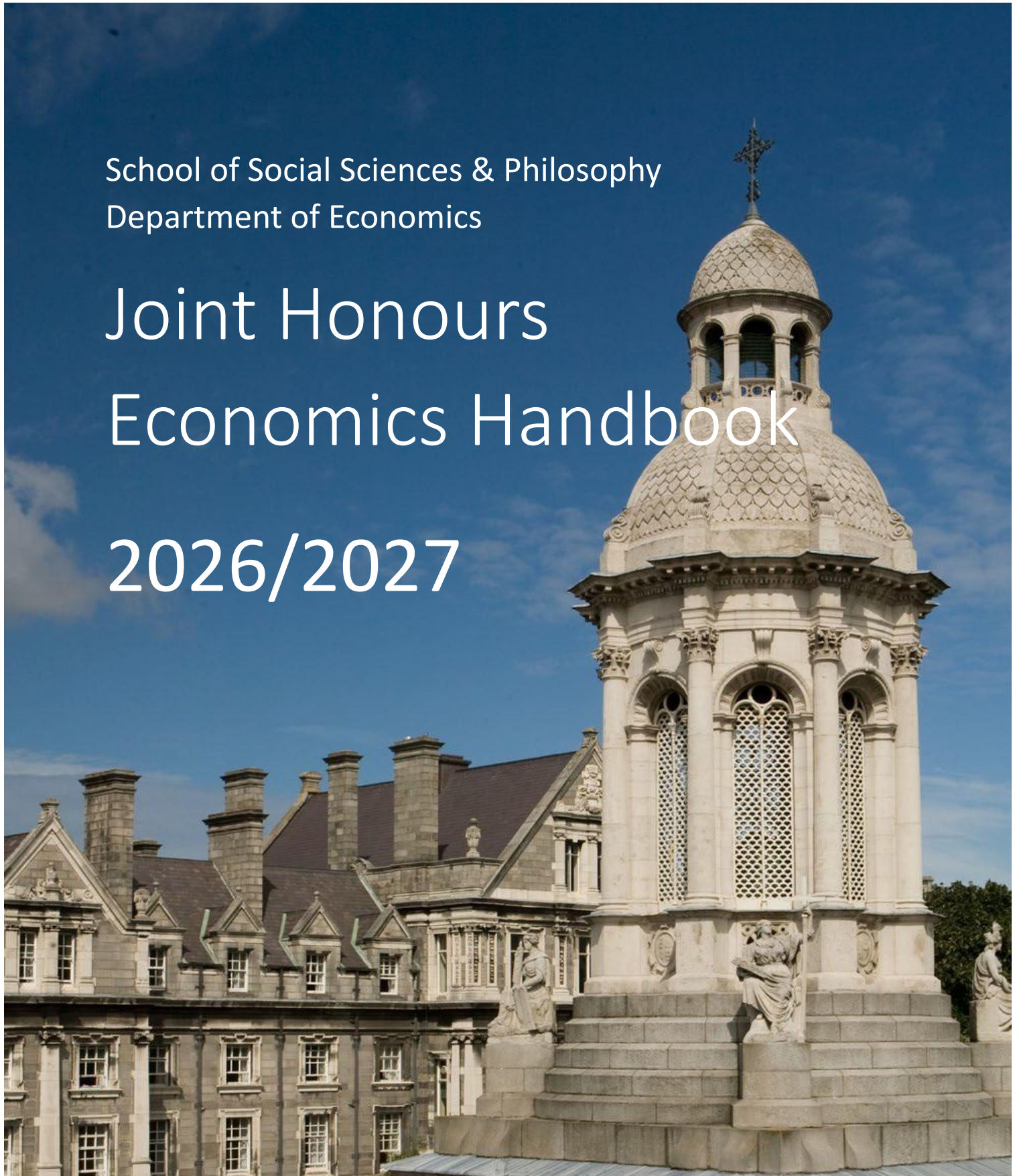


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A note on this Handbook

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the General Regulations published in the [University Calendar](#) and information contained in programme or local handbooks, the provisions of the General Regulation in the Calendar will prevail.

Alternative formats of the Handbooks can be made available on request.

1. General College Information

1.1 University Regulations

Please reference the links below for College regulations, policies and procedures:

- **Academic Policies**
<https://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/academic-policies/>
- **Student Complaints Procedure**
<https://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/university-policies/complaints-procedure/>
- **Dignity and Respect Policy**
<https://www.tcd.ie/hr/dignity-and-respect/policies/>

1.2 Student Services & Support

The Programme Administrator is your first port of call for all general queries. College also provides a range of administrative, academic and wellbeing supports and services to help smooth your route through college. You can find further information at the links below:

- **Careers Advisory Service** | www.tcd.ie/careers
- **Graduate Studies Office** | www.tcd.ie/graduatestudies
- **Mature Student Office** | www.tcd.ie/maturestudents
- **Student Services Website** | www.tcd.ie/studentsservices
- **Trinity Disability Service** | www.tcd.ie/disability
- **Senior Tutor & Tutorial Services** | <https://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor/>

1.3 Tutors

All undergraduate students are assigned a tutor when they are admitted to College. Your tutor, who is a member of the teaching staff, will give confidential advice on courses, discipline, examinations, fees, and other matters and will represent you before the College authorities should the need arise. When emailing your tutor, please include all relevant details needed by your tutor to identify you (name, student ID, course code or programme, etc.). When contacting your tutor about a specific module, please include the module name and code and the lecturer's name, surname and email address.

You will find the name and email address of your tutor on your student record in SITS. If, for some reason, you cannot contact your tutor, you should contact the Senior Tutor's Office. They can be reached at <https://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor>.

1.4 Student 2 Student



From the moment that you arrive in College, right the way to your end of exams, Student 2 Student (S2S) is here to make sure that your first year is fun, engaging, and a great foundation for the rest of your time in Trinity. You will meet S2S mentors in Freshers' Week. They will keep in regular touch with you throughout your first year

and invite you to events. They will also provide useful information about your course and what to look out for. Mentors are students who have been through the first year and know exactly what it feels like. S2S also offers trained Peer Supporters if you want to talk confidentially to another student, or just to meet a friendly face for coffee and a chat. S2S is supported by the Senior Tutor's Office and the Student Counselling Service. See <https://www.tcd.ie/student2student/> for further information.

E-Mail: student2student@tcd.ie | Tel. +353 1 896 5033

1.5 Support Provision for Students with Disabilities

Trinity has adopted a [Reasonable Accommodation Policy](#) that outlines how supports are implemented in Trinity. Student seeking reasonable accommodation whilst studying in Trinity must [apply for reasonable accommodations](#) with the Disability Service in their student portal my.tcd.ie.

Based on appropriate evidence of a disability and information obtained from the student on the impact of their disability and their academic course requirements, the Disability Staff member will identify supports designed to meet the student's disability support needs. Following the [Needs Assessment](#), the student's Disability Officer prepares an Individual [Learning Educational Needs Summary \(LENS\)](#) detailing the Reasonable Accommodations to be implemented. The information outlined in the LENS is communicated to the relevant School via the student record in SITS.

Examination accommodation and deadlines:

Students should make requests as early as possible in the academic year. To ensure the Assessment, Progression and Graduation Team can set your accommodations for examination purposes the following deadlines are applied:

- Semester 1 assessments and Foundation Scholarship assessment: the last Friday of October annually.
- Semester 2 assessments: the last Friday of February annually.
- Reassessments: the last Friday of June annually.

For exact dates please contact askds@tcd.ie

Student responsibilities for departmental assessments/course tests:

Students are required to initiate contact with the School/Department and request reasonable accommodations as per their LENS report, or email received following their needs assessment for particular assessments for School/ Department administered assessment. Students are advised to make contact at least two weeks prior to the assessment date to enable adjustments to be implemented.

Please note: no reasonable accommodation can be provided outside the procedures outlined in the Trinity Reasonable Accommodation Policy. For further information please visit: <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/current/how-reasonable-accommodations-work-in-trinity/>

1.6 Mature Students

Further information please see <https://www.tcd.ie/maturestudents>.

1.7 Careers Advisory Service

The College Careers Service supports students to explore their career ambitions and plan how to achieve them using a wide variety of activities, services and resources via <https://www.tcd.ie/Careers>. This service you can use to:

- Apply for opportunities which match your preferences.
- Search opportunities – postgraduate courses and funding.
- View and book onto employer and CAS (Careers Advisory Service) events.
- Submit your career queries to the CAS team.
- Book an appointment with your Careers Consultant.

Simply login to MyCareer using your Trinity username and password and personalize your profile.

Careers Advisory Service

Trinity College Dublin, 7-9 South Leinster Street, Dublin 2.

Tel. +353 1 896 1721 | Submit a career query through MyCareer (mycareerconnect.tcd.ie)

<https://www.tcd.ie/careers/mycareer-sign-in/>



TCD.Careers.Service



TCDCareers



@TCDCareers



tinyurl.com/LinkedIn-TCD-Connecting

Opening Hours

9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday

(Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm)

1.8 Co-Curricular Activities

- **TCD Sports Clubs** | <https://www.tcd.ie/sport/student-sport/sport-clubs/>
Trinity has 50 sports clubs in a range of disciplines, from Basketball to Archery.
- **TCD Societies** | trinitysocieties.ie
Trinity offers over 100 societies across the University. From arts, culture, politics and debating to gaming, advocacy and music, you're sure to find your niche.
- **Student Union** | www.tcdsu.org
The Trinity College Students Union is a union for students, by students. It represents the undergraduate student body at College level.

1.9 Student Union – TCDSU

The Trinity College Students Union is a union for students, by students. They represent the undergraduate student body at College level. You can find information about the union, and how to get involved, on their website, here: <https://www.tcdsu.org/> and can find information on the student representation structures here: <https://www.tcdsu.org/your-union>.

1.10 Emergency Procedure

In the event of an emergency, dial Security Services on extension 1999. Security Services provide a 24-hour service to the college community, 365 days a year. They are the liaison to the Fire, Garda and Ambulance services and all staff and students are advised to always telephone extension 1999 (+353 1 896 1999) in case of an emergency. Should you require any emergency or rescue services on campus, you must contact Security Services. This includes chemical spills, personal injury or first aid assistance. It is recommended that all students save at least one emergency contact in their phone under ICE (In Case of Emergency).

1.10.1 SafeZone

SafeZone is a voluntary app that increases the security and safety of students and staff while in a Trinity location. It provides immediate access to Trinity resources to aid in cases of emergencies or when an alert is raised.

For further information on this app and its advantages, please see <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/physical-access-information/safezone/>.

1.11 Health & Safety Statements

The College Safety Statement can be viewed on the Trinity website: <https://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/shw/>

1.12 Data Protection

Please note that due to data protection requirements, staff in the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy cannot discuss individual students with parents/guardians or other family members. As the University considers students, even if they are not yet 18, to have the maturity to give consent for the use of their data, in normal circumstances, the University will not disclose personal data to the parents, guardians or other representatives of a student without the student's consent.

The University's preference is to receive written consent by way of email from the student where possible. Without such consent the University will not release any details regarding students including details of their registration, attendance, results, fee payments etc.

Trinity College Dublin uses personal data relating to students for a variety of purposes and we are careful to comply with our obligations under data protection laws.

Further information on how we obtain, use, and disclose student data can be viewed on the Trinity website: www.tcd.ie/dataprotection

2. General Course Information

2.1 Introduction

Welcome from the Head of the Department/Programme Director

Dear Student,

I am delighted to welcome you to the Joint Honours programme, and I hope that you are enjoying Freshers' Week.

I am sure you will find Trinity is an excellent environment in which to study, affording you also the chance to participate in many societies and sports. The Joint Honours programme combines the study of two disciplines, offering students a multitude of degree options across college. While mastering two subjects can at times be challenging, it is ultimately highly rewarding.

The Programme Handbook is a great source of information. It contains all the information you need about programme structure, module options, and college regulations. Your individual timetable, containing both your lecture and tutorial group information, will be available to you via your online student portal at my.tcd.ie when you complete your programme registration.

I wish you every success with your studies and your time here in Trinity, and I look forward to meeting you at the orientation meeting during Freshers' Week.

With best wishes,
Tara Mitchell

Programme Coordinator, Joint Honours Economics
August 2026



Welcome from the Programme Administrator

Welcome to a new Academic year.

My name is Paula Martínez Asanza and I am the programme administrator for all students registered on the Joint Honours Economics programme. If you have any Economics administrative queries, you can email me at economics.undergrad@tcd.ie or drop into the office (room 3014, Arts Building). Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and closed from 12pm to 1pm for lunch.

For in-person queries, you can find me in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Your individual timetable, containing both your lecture and tutorial group information, will be available to you via your online student portal at my.tcd.ie when you complete your programme registration.

Please ensure you regularly check your Trinity email account as I will use this for all administrative correspondence relating to your Economics modules. In the meantime, enjoy the start of term and please do make contact if you have any queries.

Best wishes,

Paula Martínez Asanza

Administrator, Joint Honours Economics

August 2026



2.2 Programme Governance

Joint Honours (JH) is a cross-faculty course. Within Economics, the Joint Honours programme is governed by the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy Undergraduate Teaching and Learning Committee. Membership of this committee includes the Economics JH Programme Coordinator, the Director of Undergraduate Teaching and Learning, an academic representative from each of the four constituent disciplines within the School, and a student representative.

2.3 Contact Details

Head of the School of Social Sciences & Philosophy Professor Paul O’Grady Tel. +353 1 896 1522 E-mail: pogrady@tcd.ie
Head of Department Professor Davide Romelli E-mail: headofeconomics@tcd.ie
School Director of Teaching & Learning (Undergraduate) Dr Paul Scanlon E-mail: scanlop@tcd.ie
Course Director Professor Tara Mitchell E-mail: mitchet@tcd.ie
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Programme Administrator Ms Paula Martínez Asanza Tel. +353 1 896 1043 E-mail: Economics.Undergrad@tcd.ie

For further information on the department’s current staff, please visit
<https://www.tcd.ie/economics/about-us/people/>

2.4 Key Locations

Department

The Department of Economics office (Room 3014) is located on the 3rd floor of the Arts Building in Trinity College Dublin.

Maps of campus are available at <https://www.tcd.ie/Maps/map.php>

Blackboard

Blackboard is the College online learning environment, where lecturers will give access to material like lecture notes and discussion forums. The use of Blackboard varies from module to module and individual lecturers will speak to you about the requirements for their module. In order to access a module on Blackboard you should be registered to the module by your Programme Administrator. Blackboard can be accessed via tcd.blackboard.com.

Email

All official email correspondence will be sent to TCD email addresses only. You should check your email on a regular basis. When emailing the Administration, students should always include their TCD Student ID Number.

Student Portal

<https://my.tcd.ie> allows students to view their own central student record containing all relevant information related to the course for which you are registered. To access the system, you will need your College username and network password.

If your personal student information is incorrect, you should contact Academic Registry (via email, academic.registry@tcd.ie) stating your full name and student ID number. If your timetable module list is incorrect then you should notify the Programme Administrator.

Academic Registry

Academic Registry ("AR") manages course registration and fees. Their website can be accessed here: <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/>. The Academic Registry offices are located in the Watts Building, on the east side of the main campus.

2.5 Key Dates

Week 3 (14 th September)	Orientation Week
Week 1 in Semester 1 (MT) Week 1 in Semester 2 (HT)	Deadline for changing Module Choices – no further changes allowed
-----	Transfer deadlines vary. Please contact your tutor.
Week 4 (21 st September)	Teaching Commences for the JF
Week 9 (26 th October)	Semester 1 Study/Review Week
TBC	Applications forms available to apply for Foundation Scholarship
TBC	Deadline for applications to sit Foundation Scholarship
TBC	Schols Information Meeting
Week 15 (7 th December)	Semester 1 Revision Week
Week 16 (14 th December)	Semester 1 Assessment (extra contingency days may be required outside of the formal assessment week)
Week 19 (4 th January)	Foundation Scholarship Examinations (possibility of some exams taking place in preceding week)
Week 21 (18 th January)	Teaching Commences for Semester 2
Week 27 (1 st March)	Semester 2 Study Week
Week 33 (12 th April)	Semester 2 Revision Week
Week 34 (19 th April)	Semester 2 Assessment (extra contingency days may be required outside of the formal assessment week)
Week 35 (26 th April)	Trinity Week

2.6 Timetable

The updated course timetable will be available online shortly before the start of the Michaelmas term. Personal timetables will be available to students through <https://my.tcd.ie>.

The Academic Year Structure is available [here](#).

Academic Calendar Week	Week beginning	2026/27 Academic Year Calendar		Term / Semester
		UG continuing years / PG all years	UG new first years	
1	31-Aug-26	Marking/Results 2025/26		← Michaelmas Term begins/Semester 1 begins
2	07-Sep-26	Marking/Results and Orientation (PG, Visiting, Erasmus)		
3	14-Sep-26	Teaching and Learning	Orientation (JF UG)	← Michaelmas teaching term begins
4	21-Sep-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
5	28-Sep-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
6	05-Oct-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
7	12-Oct-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
8	19-Oct-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
9	26-Oct-26	Study/Review (Monday, Public Holiday)	Study/Review (Monday, Public Holiday)	
10	02-Nov-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
11	09-Nov-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
12	16-Nov-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
13	23-Nov-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
14	30-Nov-26	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
15	07-Dec-26	Revision / Assessment*	Revision / Assessment*	
16	14-Dec-26	Assessment*	Assessment*	← Michaelmas Term ends Sunday 20 December 2026/Semester 1 ends
17	21-Dec-26	Assessment* / Christmas	Assessment* / Christmas	
18	28-Dec-26	Christmas Period - College closed 24 December 2026 to 3 January 2027 inclusive	Christmas Period - College closed 24 December 2026 to 3 January 2027 inclusive	
19	04-Jan-27	Foundation Scholarship Examinations	Foundation Scholarship Examinations	
20	11-Jan-27	Marking***	Marking***	
21	18-Jan-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	← Hilary Term begins/Semester 2 begins; Hilary teaching term begins
22	25-Jan-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
23	01-Feb-27	Teaching and Learning (Monday, Public Holiday)	Teaching and Learning (Monday, Public Holiday)	
24	08-Feb-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	

25	15-Feb-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
26	22-Feb-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
27	01-Mar-27	Study/Review	Study/Review	
28	08-Mar-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
29	15-Mar-27	Teaching and Learning (Wednesday, Public Holiday)	Teaching and Learning (Wednesday, Public Holiday)	
30	22-Mar-27	Teaching and Learning (Friday, Good Friday)	Teaching and Learning (Friday, Good Friday)	
31	29-Mar-27	Teaching and Learning (Monday, Easter Monday)	Teaching and Learning (Monday, Easter Monday)	
32	05-Apr-27	Teaching and Learning	Teaching and Learning	
33	12-Apr-27	Revision	Revision	
34	19-Apr-27	Assessment**	Assessment**	← Hilary Term ends Sunday 25 April 2027
35	26-Apr-27	Trinity Week (Monday, Trinity Monday) / Assessment**	Trinity Week (Monday, Trinity Monday) / Assessment**	← Trinity Term begins
36	03-May-27	Marking/Results (Monday, Public Holiday)	Marking/Results (Monday, Public Holiday)	
37	10-May-27	Marking/Results	Marking/Results	
38	17-May-27	Marking/Results	Marking/Results	
39	24-May-27	Research	Research	
40	31-May-27	Research	Research	
41	07-Jun-27	Research (Monday, Public Holiday)	Research (Monday, Public Holiday)	
42	14-Jun-27	Research	Research	
43	21-Jun-27	Research	Research	
44	28-Jun-27	Research	Research	
45	05-Jul-27	Research	Research	
46	12-Jul-27	Research	Research	
47	19-Jul-27	Research	Research	
48	26-Jul-27	Research	Research	
49	02-Aug-27	Research (Monday, Public Holiday)	Research (Monday, Public Holiday)	
50	09-Aug-27	Research	Research	
51	16-Aug-27	Research	Research	
52	23-Aug-27	Reassessment 2026/27 - Semesters 1 & 2	Reassessment 2026/27 - Semesters 1 & 2	

* Semester 1 assessment session: December 11 to 22, 2026 inclusive (No assessment after Dec 22nd)

** Semester 2 assessment session: April 19 to 30, 2027 inclusive

*** Marking of Semester 1 assessments will continue into January and early February. Provisional Semester 1 results will be made available to students during the week commencing February 8, 2027

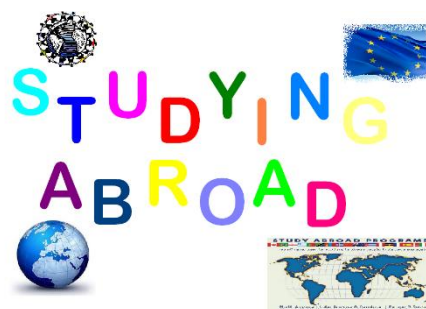
2.6.1 Compressed Teaching for JF

Due to the later release of Leaving Certificate results in 2026, Junior Freshman students will have a compressed teaching year. As outlined above, orientation for incoming students will be in the week beginning September 14th, and teaching will start on September 21st.

2.7 Study Abroad/Erasmus

In Junior Sophister year you may be permitted to satisfy the requirements of the year, in whole or in part, by study abroad under an approved Erasmus or college-wide international exchange programme approved by the Vice-President for Global Relations, with the assessment at the host university counting as part of your academic record in College. The

maximum period for such study is one academic year and the minimum period is three months. Arrangements governing specific exchange programmes are made by the school, department or course office concerned. See <https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/> for more information.



3. Scholarships & Prizes

3.1 Foundation Scholarship

Details on the College regulations for the achievement of Scholarship can be found via: <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/scholarship/faq>.

Details on the structure and duration of Scholarship examinations for the JH Economics programme can be found here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/economics/current-students/scholarship-examinations/>

Candidates are examined in four papers drawn from the modules of their course up to the end of Michaelmas term of the Senior Fresh year. The scope of each paper is described in the examination section of the relevant Course website. Recommendations for scholarship will be based on the arithmetic average achieved across all four papers, subject to all four papers being passed. In order to be recommended for Foundation Scholarship, candidates must achieve an overall mark of 70% or higher. In addition, candidates are required to achieve a minimum of two first class marks out of the four papers and no paper may have a mark below 65%.

3.2 Prizes, Medals, & Other Scholarships

Gold Medals

Gold Medals will be awarded to students who attain an overall average mark of 75% where the JS year result (weighted at 30%), along with the SS year result (weighted at 70%), will be considered together to provide the overall average mark of 75%.

Gold Medals are awarded on the basis of a single annual attempt (to include Semesters 1 & 2 assessments). A deferral counts towards the single annual attempt. Gold Medals are not awarded to students who have to reassess in the Autumn.

Whately Memorial Fund

A moderatorship prize of €64 is awarded each year from the Whately Memorial Fund to the first moderator in Economics (Single Honours or major), provided that a first-class moderatorship is obtained. It was established in 1871 by subscription in memory of Richard Whately, Archbishop of Dublin, to promote the study of political economy.

Bastable Prize

This prize of €127 was founded in 1933 by subscription in memory of Charles Francis Bastable, Professor of Political Economy 1908-32 and Regius Professor of Laws 1882- 1932. It is awarded to the candidate placed first at the moderatorship examination in economics (joint, major or single honours), provided sufficient merit is shown.

Sinead Darcy Prize

This prize was founded in 2011 in memory of Sinead Darcy, a Trinity economics student who graduated in 1994 and who had a distinguished career in regulatory economics. It is awarded annually to the continuing student who performs at the highest level in the two Junior Sophister modules in Industrial Economics: Competition, Strategy and Policy. Value €150.

P.J. Drudy Prize in Economics

The Drudy prize in economics was founded in 2008 by Professor P.J. Drudy to encourage the study of social and economic development in less developed countries. It is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Department of Economics to the continuing student who receives the highest average mark across both Michaelmas and Hilary term in the Junior Sophister modules in the economics of less developed countries. Value, €100.

Terence Gorman Prize

This prize was founded in 2006 by a bequest from Mrs Dorinda Gorman in memory of her husband, the distinguished economist W.M. (Terence) Gorman, a Trinity economics graduate of 1948. It is awarded annually, on the recommendation of the Department of Economics, to the continuing student who receives the highest average mark across both Michaelmas and Hilary term in the Junior Sophister econometrics modules. Value, €1,000.

Harry Hartford Prize

This prize was founded in 2020 by a gift from Harry Hartford, a graduate of the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies (Economics). The prize will be awarded annually to the best Capstone Project within each of the disciplines of economics, political science, sociology and philosophy. Special consideration will be given to projects in the field of public policy, emphasizing evidence-based research in the public domain. Value, €1,000 each.

The John O'Hagan Prize in Economics

This prize was founded in 2021 and is funded by a group of economics alumni through the decades. The prize will be awarded to the continuing student who receives the highest average mark across both Michaelmas and Hilary term in the Senior Fresh modules of economy of Ireland. The candidate is nominated by the Head of Discipline of Economics and is confirmed at the relevant court of examiners annually. The award was established as a tribute to John's outstanding contribution to the teaching of economics and his dedication to students in the discipline over many years. Value, €500.

Dermot McAleese Prize

This prize was founded in 2025 in honour of Professor Dermot McAleese, Whately Professor of Economics at Trinity College Dublin (1979 to 2004). The prize recognises Dermot's exceptional contribution to the teaching of economics and his long-standing commitment to encouraging all students in the field of macroeconomics. The prize will be awarded to the two continuing students who receive the highest overall marks in the Senior Freshman macroeconomics module associated with Intermediate Economics. The candidates are nominated by the Head of Discipline of Economics and are confirmed at the relevant court of examiners annually.

If for any reason the intended purpose(s) set out above are no longer viable, then, in consultation with the Donor where possible, the University shall apply the gift in a manner which will adhere as closely as possible to the original intent. Value: €200 per recipient.

For more information on the Department of Economics Prizes and previous winners please visit our website: <https://www.tcd.ie/economics/current-students/academic-awards/>.

4. Academic Writing

4.1 Academic Integrity & Referencing

4.1.1 Plagiarism & Referencing Guide

If you copy another student's essay, engage someone to write your work, quote material from any published or electronic source without acknowledgement, or extensively paraphrase such material without acknowledgement, you have committed the offence of plagiarism. A mark of zero may be awarded. The College's definition of plagiarism and specification of its consequences can be viewed on the Trinity website: <https://libguides.tcd.ie/academic-integrity>.

These webpages are designed to help you to understand what plagiarism is and to employ the principles of academic integrity so as to avoid plagiarising. They also set out the regulations in Trinity relating to plagiarism offences and how they are dealt with.

The [College Calendar](#) defines plagiarism, gives examples of the kinds of actions that are deemed to constitute plagiarism, and elaborates on the procedures for dealing with plagiarism cases. The webpages also contain materials and advice on citation styles which are used to reference properly. You should familiarise yourself with the content of these pages. For further information please visit: <https://libguides.tcd.ie/academic-integrity>

All students must complete our Ready Steady Write plagiarism tutorial and sign a declaration when submitting course work, whether in hard or soft copy or via Blackboard, confirming that you understand what plagiarism is and have completed the tutorial. If you read the information on plagiarism, complete the tutorial and still have difficulty understanding what plagiarism is and how to avoid it, please seek advice from your Course Director, your supervisor, or from Student Learning Development. To access this tutorial please visit: libguides.tcd.ie/academic-integrity/ready-steady-write.

4.1.2 Plagiarism Declaration

Each coversheet that is attached to submitted work should contain the following completed declaration:

"I have read, and I understand the plagiarism provisions in the General Regulations of the University Calendar for the current year. I have also completed the Online Tutorial on avoiding plagiarism 'Ready Steady Write'.

Please find the standard School Assignment Submission Form [here](#). Some Departments may currently use their own submission form. Students should check with their department or Module Coordinator to confirm which form should be used for their assignment.

4.1.3 School of Social Sciences & Philosophy Plagiarism Policy

If plagiarism, as referred to in the Calendar (<https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/undergraduate-studies/general-regulations-and-information.pdf>) is suspected, the lecturer informs their HoD and Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) (DUTL). The DUTL, or their designate, will write to the student, and the student's tutor advising them of the concerns raised. The student and tutor (or representative from the Students' Union) will be invited to attend an informal meeting with the DUTL, or their designate, and the lecturer concerned, in order to put their suspicions to the student and give the student the opportunity to respond. The student will be requested to respond in writing stating his/her agreement to attend such a meeting and confirming on which of the suggested dates and times it will be possible for them to attend. If the student does not agree to attend such a meeting, the DUTL, or designate, may refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under conduct and college regulations.

If the DUTL, or designate, forms the view that plagiarism has taken place, he/she must decide if the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure set out below. In order for this summary procedure to be followed, all parties attending the informal meeting above must state their agreement in writing to the DUTL or designate.

If the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure, the DUTL, or designate, will recommend one of the following penalties:

Level 1: Student receives an informal verbal warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will be assessed and marked without penalty. The DUTL should inform the course director and where appropriate the course office. The offence is recorded.

Level 2: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will receive a reduced or capped mark depending on the seriousness/extent of plagiarism. In the case of a Level 2 offence, the Senior Lecturer must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The DUTL should inform the course director and where appropriate the course office. The offence is recorded.

Level 3: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. There is no opportunity for resubmission, with corrections. Instead, the student is required to submit a new piece of work as a reassessment during the next available session. Provided the work is of a passing standard, both the assessment mark and the overall module mark will be capped at the pass mark. Discretion lies with the Senior

Lecturer in cases where there is no standard opportunity for a supplemental assessment under applicable course regulations. In the case of a Level 3 offence, the Senior Lecturer must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The Senior Lecturer will inform the Junior Dean accordingly. The Junior Dean may nevertheless implement the procedures as referred to under conduct and college regulations. The DUTL should inform the course director and where appropriate the course office. The offence is recorded.

Level 4: If the case cannot normally be dealt with under the summary procedures, it is deemed to be a Level 4 offence and will be referred directly to the Junior Dean. Nothing provided for under the summary procedure diminishes or prejudices the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean under the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.

4.1.4 The Use and Referencing of Generative AI

Aligned with the [College Statement on Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment & Research](#) (2025), the use of GenAI is permitted unless otherwise stated. Where the output of GenAI is used in a document or work output, this usage should be acknowledged and appropriately cited, as per [Library guidelines on acknowledging and reference GenAI](#). From an academic integrity perspective, if a student generates content from a GenAI tool and submits it as his/her/their own work, it is considered plagiarism, which is defined as academic misconduct in accordance with College Academic Integrity Policy.

4.1.5 Procedures regarding Dignity & Respect Matters

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy is committed to fostering a learning environment that upholds principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion. We strive to ensure that all students and staff can pursue their academic and professional goals without fear of discrimination, harassment, bullying, or any form of mistreatment.

Recognizing the adverse impact harassment can have on individuals' performance, morale, confidence, health, and learning, the School seeks to create a culture where such behavior is unequivocally condemned. Our goal is to encourage an atmosphere in which individuals can address harassment concerns without fear of ridicule or retaliation.

[Trinity Dignity and Respect Policy](#) sets out the College's key principles and procedures for addressing matters related to negative treatment, including discrimination, bullying, and any form of harassment. [TCD Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) establishes the principles, approach, and procedures on the subject of sexual harassment or sexual assault and outlines the resources and support available to both students and staff when facing issues related to sexual harassment.

Should any student encounter issues related to dignity and respect, as outlined above, we strongly urge them to immediately reach out for support from the designated contact

person, who will provide guidance and support in accordance with the Dignity and Respect Policy:

Student's Tutor

School Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) - Dr Paul Scanlon | scanlop@tcd.ie

4.2 Research Ethics

Some research requires ethical approval, therefore, when in doubt please contact your Capstone supervisor.

5. Teaching & Learning

5.1 Programme Structure

This section contains information on Joint Honours Economics programme architecture and the available pathways to award. Further information on Trinity Joint Honours **combinations** can be found here: <https://www.tcd.ie/tjh/prospective-students/tjh-combinations/>.

For more information on Trinity Joint Honours **pathways** please visit:

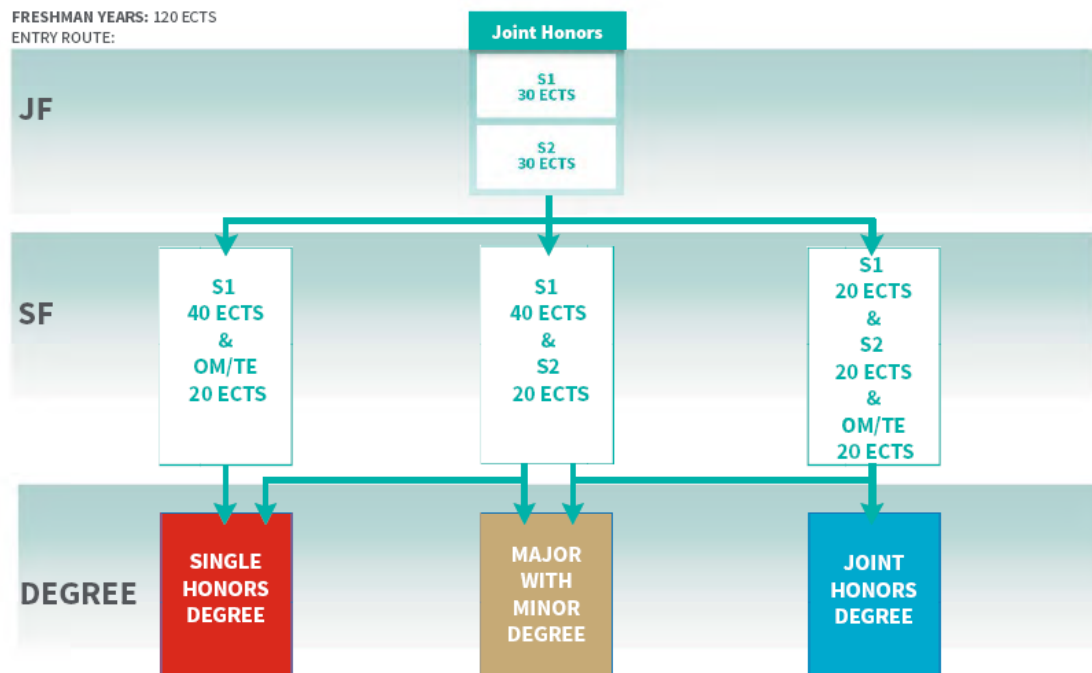
<https://www.tcd.ie/tjh/prospective-students/tjh-pathways/>

There are a number of pathways available to those pursuing a Joint Honours degree:

- Single Honours Award in Economics
- Major Award in Economics
- Joint Honours Award
- Minor Award in Economics

Common Architecture

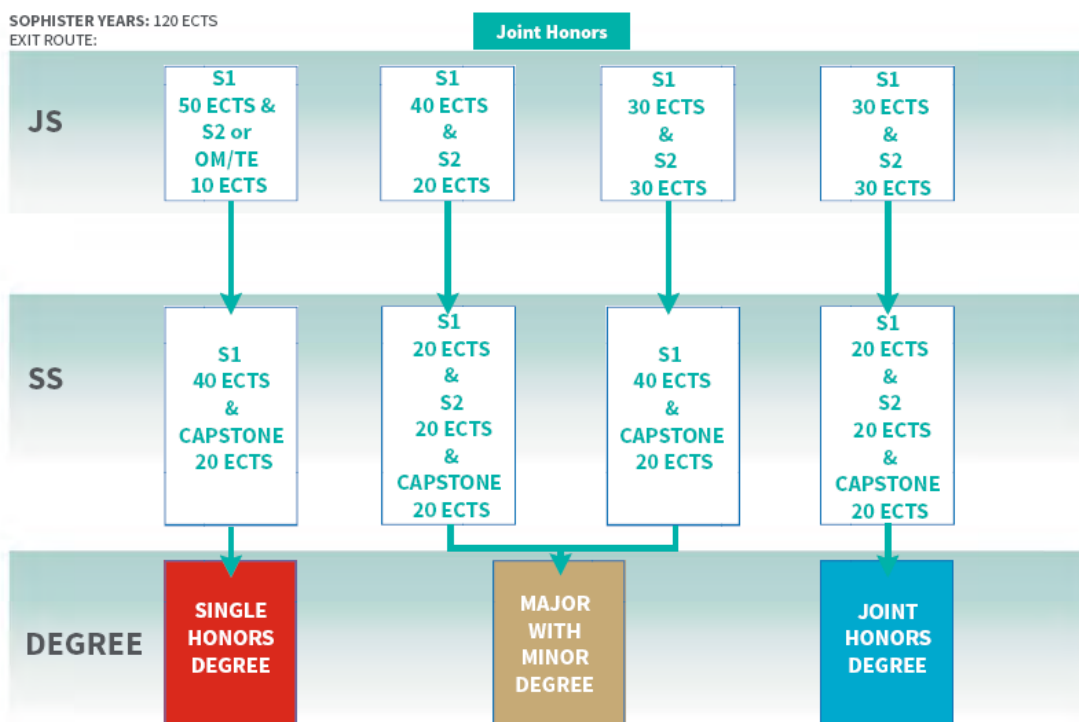
FRESHMAN YEARS: 120 ECTS
ENTRY ROUTE:



KEY: S1 - Subject 1 | S2 - Subject 2 | OM - Open Modules | TE - Trinity Electives | JF - Junior Freshman | SF - Senior Freshman

Common Architecture

SOPHISTER YEARS: 120 ECTS
EXIT ROUTE:



KEY: S1 - Subject 1 | S2 - Subject 2 | OM - Open Modules | TE - Trinity Electives | JS - Junior Sophister | SS - Senior Sophister

European Credit Transfer Systems (ECTS)

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is an academic credit system based on the estimated student workload required to achieve the objectives of a module or programme of study. It is designed to enable academic recognition for periods of study, to facilitate student mobility and credit accumulation and transfer. The ECTS is the recommended credit system for higher education in Ireland and across the European Higher Education Area. The ECTS weighting for a module is a measure of the student input or workload required for that module, based on factors such as the number of contact hours, the number and length of written or verbally presented assessment exercises, class preparation and private study time, laboratory classes, examinations, clinical attendance, professional training placements, and so on as appropriate. The European norm for fulltime study over one academic year is 60 credits. 1 credit represents 20-25 hours estimated student input, so a 10-credit module will be designed to require 200-250 hours of student input including class contact time, assessments and examinations. ECTS credits are awarded to a student only upon successful completion of the programme year. Progression from one year to the next is determined by the programme regulations. Students who fail a year of their programme will not obtain credit for that year even if they have passed certain component. Exceptions to this rule are one-year and part-year visiting students, who are awarded credit for individual modules successfully completed.

5.2 Programme Structure & Workload

Junior Fresh (First) Year

Students must take modules equivalent to 30 ECTS.

Students (with the exception of Economic/Mathematics) must take the following mandatory modules (worth 20 ECTS credits):

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11013	Introduction to Economics I A	5
ECU11023	Mathematics and Statistics I A	5

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11014	Introduction to Economics I B	5
ECU11024	Mathematics and Statistics I B	5

Economics/Mathematics

Economics/Mathematics students must take the following mandatory modules (worth 20 ECTS credits):

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11013	Introduction to Economics I A	5
STU12501	<u>Introduction to Probability</u>	5

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11014	Introduction to Economics I B	5
STU12502	<u>Introduction to Statistics II</u>	5

In addition to the aforementioned modules, all students must choose 10 ECTS from the Optional modules, 5 ECTS from Semester 1 and 5 ECTS from Semester 2, as outlined below:

Semester 1

Code	Optional Modules	Co-requisites	Pre-requisites	ECTS
ECU11031	Introduction to Economic Policy A	ECU11032		5
SOU11011	<u>Introduction to Sociology 1</u>	SOU11012		5
SOU11021	Making Sense of the Social World 1			5
POU11033	Politics and Popular Culture A	POU11034		5
SSU11061	<u>Introduction to Social Policy Concepts</u>			5

Semester 2

Code	Optional Modules	Co-requisites	Pre-requisites	ECTS
ECU11032	Introduction to Economic Policy B		ECU11031	5
SOU11012	Introduction to Sociology 2		SOU11011	5
SOU11022	Making Sense of the Social World 2			5
POU11034	Politics and Popular Culture B		POU11033	5
SSU11022	Poverty, Welfare and Justice			5
SSU11092	Critical Analysis and Argument Development			5

Module descriptors are available on the Departmental website: [Module Outlines](#)

Senior Fresh (Second) Year

Depending on their degree pathway, students must take Economics modules equivalent to 20 or 40 ECTS and meet their pathway requirements.

Students choosing **20 ECTS** in Economics will have the option to **either**:

- a) Couple this with 40 ECTS in their other subject **or**
- b) Couple this with 20 ECTS in their other subject and 20 ECTS of Trinity Electives/Optional Modules.

Students choosing **20 ECTS** in Economics must take 10 ECTS each semester from:

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	Notes
ECU22011	Intermediate Economics A	5	All students
ECU22021	Economy of Ireland A	5	Econ/Maths students only
ECU22031	Mathematical and Statistical Methods A	5	All, except Econ/Maths students
ECU22041	Economic Issues A	5	Econ/Maths students only

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	Notes
ECU22012	Intermediate Economics B	5	All students
ECU22022	Economy of Ireland B	5	Econ/Maths students only
ECU22032	Mathematical and Statistical Methods B	5	All, except Econ/Maths students
ECU22042	Economic Issues B	5	Econ/Maths students only

Students choosing **40 ECTS** in Economics; i.e., those pursuing a Major in Economics or Single Honours Economics, will take the following 40 ECTS in compulsory modules.

Single Honours Economics students are required to couple these 40 ECTS with **20 ECTS** of Trinity Electives/Optional Modules.

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	NOTES
ECU22011	Intermediate Economics A	5	All student
ECU22021	Economy of Ireland A	5	All students
ECU22031	Mathematical and Statistical Methods A	5	All, except Econ/ Maths students
ECU22041	Economic Issues A	5	All students

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	NOTES
ECU22012	Intermediate Economics B	5	All student
ECU22022	Economy of Ireland B	5	All students
ECU22032	Mathematical and Statistical Methods B	5	All, except Econ/ Maths students
ECU22042	Economic Issues B	5	All students

Instead of the ECU22031/ECU22032 Mathematical and Statistical Methods A&B, **40 ECTS Economics/Mathematics students** must choose 10 ECTS from the modules below, 5 ECTS in semester 1 and 5 ECTS in semester 02:

Semester 1

Code	Optional Modules	Department	ECTS
SOU22011	Introduction to Social Research 1	SOCIOLOGY	5
SOU22021	Gender, Work and Family 1	SOCIOLOGY	5
SSU22191	Introduction to Social Policy in Action	SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY	5
POU22011	History of Political Thought A	POLITICAL SCIENCE	5
POU22021	International Relations A	POLITICAL SCIENCE	5
POU22031	Comparative Politics A	POLITICAL SCIENCE	5

Semester 2.

Code	Optional Modules	Department	ECTS
SOU22012	Introduction to Social Research 2	SOCIOLOGY	5
SOU22032	Gender, Work and Family 2	SOCIOLOGY	5
SSU22161	Labour market Activation Policies	SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY	5
POU22012	History of Political Thought B	POLITICAL SCIENCE	5
POU22022	International Relations B	POLITICAL SCIENCE	5
POU22032	Comparative Politics B	POLITICAL SCIENCE	5

Please note – the modules and pathway information listed above are provided as a guideline, module availability can change from year to year.

Module descriptors are available on the Departmental website: [Module Outlines](#)

Junior and Senior Sophister (Third and Fourth) Year

The number of ECTS taken by the student is determined by their chosen pathway, as follows:

JOINT HONOURS IN ECONOMICS

In **Junior Sophister (third) year** students take 30 ECTS in each subject. For Economics, students take 30 ECTS from a range of optional modules. Students who intend to take the Senior Sophister (fourth) year Capstone in Economics must take

- ECU33091 & ECU33092 – Econometrics A & B (10 ECTS)

and are advised to take

- ECU33011 & ECU33012 – Economic Analysis A & B (10 ECTS)

Note that Mathematical Economics A and B (ECU33081 and ECU33082) are unavailable to students taking modules in the School of Mathematics in their Junior Sophister year. Throughout, the mathematics prerequisites do not apply to Joint Honours Mathematics students.

Semester 1

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Co-requisite	Pre- requisites	Pre-requisite for
ECU33011	Economic Analysis A	5		ECU22011-ECU22012	ECU44121 - ECU44122-ECU44291
ECU33021	Money and Banking A	5		ECU22011-ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	
ECU33031	European Economy A	5		ECU22011-ECU22012	
ECU33041	Economics of Less Developed Countries A	5		ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	
ECU33051	Investment Analysis A	5		ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	ECU44142
ECU33061	Economics of Policy Issues A	5			
ECU33081	Mathematical Economics A	5		ECU22031-ECU22032	ECU44172- ECU44291
ECU33091	Econometrics A	5	ECU33092	ECU22031-ECU22032	ECU44121-ECU44142 ECU44171-ECU44172 ECU44100-ECU44251
ECU33143	Introduction to Big Data in Economics	5		ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	

Semester 2

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Pre- requisites	Pre- requisite for
ECU33012	Economic Analysis B	5	ECU22011-ECU22012	ECU44121-ECU44122
ECU33022	Money and Banking B	5	ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	
ECU33032	European Economy B	5	ECU22011-ECU22012	
ECU33042	Economics of Less Developed Countries B	5	ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	
ECU33052	Investment Analysis B	5	ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	ECU44142
ECU33062	Economics of Policy Issues B	5		
ECU33082	Mathematical Economics B	5	ECU22031-ECU22032	ECU44172
ECU33092	Econometrics B	5	ECU22031-ECU22032 ECU33091	ECU44121-ECU44142 ECU44171-ECU44172 ECU44100
ECU33124	Behavioural Economics	5	ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	
ECU33134	Macroeconomics of Labour Markets	5	ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	
ECU33154	Environmental Economics	5	ECU22011 ECU22012 ECU22031-ECU22032	

In **Senior Sophister (fourth) year**, in addition to Capstone (ECU44100), students take either:

- a) 20 ECTS in Economics from a range of optional modules **or**
- b) 40 ECTS in Economics

Semester 1

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Pre-Requisites
ECU44111	Topics in Political economy	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44121	Advanced Macroeconomics	10	ECU33011- ECU33091- ECU33092
ECU44131	The World Economy	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44181	Applied Economics	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44191	History of Economic Thought and Policy	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44201	International Trade	10	ECU22011-ECU22012

ECU44251	Advanced Microeconometrics	10	ECU33091-ECU33092
ECU44261	Labour Economics	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44122	Game Theory	10	ECU33011-ECU33012
ECU44291	Quantitative Macroeconomics	10	ECU33011-ECU33012 And ECU33081-ECU33082 or ECU33091-ECU33092

Semester 2

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Pre-Requisites
ECU44142	Economics of Financial Markets	10	ECU33051-ECU33052 ECU33091-ECU33092
ECU44172	Quantitative Methods	10	ECU33081-ECU33082 ECU33091-ECU33092
ECU44202	International Macroeconomics	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44232	History of the International Monetary System	10	ECU22011-ECU22012
ECU44302	The Political Economy of Natural Resources	10	ECU22011-ECU22012

Semester 1 & 2

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Pre-Requisites
ECU44100	Economics Capstone	20	ECU33091-ECU33092

Please note – the modules and pathway information listed above are provided as a guideline, module availability can change from year to year.

Module descriptors are available on the Departmental website: [Module Outlines](#)

SINGLE HONOURS IN ECONOMICS

In Junior Sophister (third) year, students take 50 ECTS in Economics. Students must take:

- ECU33011 & ECU33012 – Economic Analysis A & B (10 ECTS)
- ECU33091 & ECU33092 – Econometrics A & B (10 ECTS)
- 30 ECTS from a range of optional modules.

For the remaining 10 ECTS students take **either**:

- a) 10 ECTS in their other subject **or**
- b) 10 ECTS in Trinity Electives/Optional Modules

In Senior Sophister (fourth) year students take 60 ECTS in Economics:

- 40 ECTS from a range of optional modules and
- Capstone (20 ECTS)

MAJOR IN ECONOMICS

In the Junior Sophister (third) year students have the option to take either 30 ECTS in Economics or 40 ECTS in Economics. This determines the number of Economics ECTS they will take in their Senior Sophister (fourth) year, as follows:

1. Students taking 30 ECTS of Economics in the Junior Sophister Year (Option B)

In Junior Sophister (third) year students take 30 ECTS in Economics. Students must take 30 ECTS optional modules.

For the remaining 30 ECTS, students take 30 ECTS in their other subject.

In Senior Sophister (fourth) year students take 60 ECTS in Economics:

- Capstone (20 ECTS).
- 40 ECTS from a range of optional modules.

2. Students taking 40 ECTS of Economics in the Junior Sophister Year (Option A)

In Junior Sophister (third) year students take 40 ECTS of Economics. Students must take:

- ECU33011 & ECU33012 - Economic Analysis A & B (10 ECTS)
- ECU33091 & ECU33092 - Econometrics A & B (10 ECTS)
- 20 ECTS from a range of optional modules.

For the remaining 20 ECTS, students take 20 ECTS in their other subject.

In Senior Sophister (fourth) year students take 40 ECTS of Economics:

- Capstone (20 ECTS).
- 20 ECTS from optional modules. For the remaining 20 ECTS, students take 20 ECTS in their other subject.

MINOR IN ECONOMICS

Students take **either**:

- a) 30 ECTS in Economics from a range of optional modules in the Junior Sophister year and no Economics modules in the Senior Sophister year **or**
- b) 20 ECTS in Economics from a range of optional modules in the Junior Sophister year and 20 ECTS in Economics from a range of optional modules in the Senior Sophister year.

Note: Students taking a Minor in Economics may not take their Capstone in Economics.

Module descriptors are available on the Departmental website: [Module Outlines](#)

New Minor Subject in Economics

Starting in 2022, single honours students in some other disciplines may take up economics in their Senior Fresh year as a “new minor subject.” These students will ordinarily continue with economics for three years. Those students who only pursue economics for two years will not graduate with a formal qualification in economics but will have taken economics as part of their broad university training. Requirements pertaining to new minor subject students are below, with more detail provided on the Joint Honours website. Each year students take 20 ECTS in economics, entailing 10 ECTS each semester.

Senior Fresh (Non-Mathematics Students)

All modules are mandatory.

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11013	Introduction to Economics I A	5
ECU11023	Mathematics and Statistics I A	5

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11014	Introduction to Economics I B	5
ECU11024	Mathematics and Statistics I B	5

Senior Fresh (Mathematics Students)

All modules are mandatory.

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11013	Introduction to Economics I A	5
ECU11031	Introduction to Economic Policy A	5

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules (10 ECTS)	ECTS
ECU11014	Introduction to Economics I B	5
ECU11032	Introduction to Economic Policy B	5

Junior Sophister (Non-Mathematics Students)

Students must take Intermediate Economics A and B. The remaining credit must come from the optional modules below:

Please note that Mathematical and Statistical Methods A and B must be taken together; Please also bear in mind that ECU22031 and ECU22032 are prerequisites for many of the economics modules available in the final year.

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	Notes
ECU22011	Intermediate Economics A	5	Mandatory
ECU22021	Economy of Ireland A	5	
ECU22031	Mathematical and Statistical Methods A	5	Optional, but must be taken with ECU22032
ECU22041	Economic Issues A	5	

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	Notes
ECU22012	Intermediate Economics B	5	Mandatory
ECU22022	Economy of Ireland B	5	
ECU22032	Mathematical and Statistical Methods B	5	Optional, but must be taken with ECU22031
ECU22042	Economic Issues B	5	

Junior Sophister (Mathematics Students)

- Students taking 20 ECTS in Economics must take Intermediate Economics A and B and the remaining 10 ECTS from the optional modules below.
- Students taking 10 ECTS in Economics should choose them from the optional modules below.

Semester 1

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	Notes
ECU22011	Intermediate Economics A	5	
ECU22021	Economy of Ireland A	5	
ECU22041	Economic Issues A	5	

Semester 2

Code	Mandatory Modules	ECTS	Notes
ECU22012	Intermediate Economics B	5	
ECU22022	Economy of Ireland B	5	
ECU22042	Economic Issues B	5	

Senior Sophister (All students pursuing the Minor Award)

Only students seeking a minor award continue with economics in their final year. In this case, students take 10 ECTS each semester from the list of Junior Sophister modules listed on pages 30 & 31 of this booklet. Note that the Trinity elective may not be taken as part of your economics credit. The mathematics prerequisites do not apply to Mathematics students.

5.3 Learning Outcomes

Having successfully completed this programme, students should be able to:

- Identify, critically evaluate and synthesise the substantive theories, frameworks, and models, both qualitative and quantitative, that are used in both fields of enquiry;
- Analyse and solve a variety of problems in the private and public sector from a multi-disciplinary knowledge basis of theories and frameworks in both disciplines;
- Communicate effectively in oral and written modes in professional and academic settings;
- Use appropriate ICT tools in analysing and addressing problems;
- Work effectively as an individual and in teams in multi-disciplinary settings;
- Demonstrate flexibility, adaptability, and independence in order to engage productively with a changing social, cultural and technological environment;
- Engage the pursuit of knowledge in greater depth and over time in support of lifelong learning, either as a practitioner or an academic, in both of your chosen fields.

5.4 Module Descriptors & Compulsory Reading Lists

The School reserves the right to amend the list of available modules and, in particular to withdraw and add modules. Timetabling may restrict the availability of modules to individual students.

Module descriptors and timetables will be available on the Departmental website shortly before the start of each term: <https://www.tcd.ie/economics/programmes/undergraduate/joint-honours-economics-/module-outlines/>.

5.5 Registration

It is your responsibility to ensure that you:

- take modules amounting to 60 ECTS during an academic year;
- that your selected modules meet the programme requirements;
- and that you meet the pre-requisites for your chosen modules.

This handbook outlines your module requirements for each year and gives details of module pre-requisites and programme requirements. Some of the modules may be core (you have to take them) and others are optional/approved. Bear in mind that lecturers will not be able to make special arrangements for you if you turn up to lectures for the first time in week two: if you have doubts, attend all modules you are thinking about for the first week.

Module choices will be made online and you will receive instructions on your portal. It is vital that you register correctly for your modules so that you will be included on examination lists.

Students in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be invited during the Trinity term to register their preferences for Years 2, 3 and 4 of their course, including Trinity Electives and Open Modules if applicable.

Students will be advised of how they will do this and where they will find relevant module information several weeks before they are invited to register.

5.5.1 Module Choices -- Change of Mind

Students who wish to change their module options must email economics.undergrad@tcd.ie before the **end of the 1st week of teaching for MT, and before the end of 1st week of teaching for HT**. Students should note that module changes will be subject to availability of places and timetable constraints. You must be aware that if you have a timetable clash, you may not be able to take your preferred module choice.

5.6 Capstone Project

Every student at Trinity will do a Capstone Project or equivalent as part of their undergraduate programme.

The Capstone Project is the common element across all degree exit routes and is weighted at 20 ECTS. It requires a significant level of independent research by the student. It is an integrative exercise that allows students to showcase skills and knowledge which they have developed across a range of subject areas and across their four years of study. It should result in the production of a significant piece of original work by the student. It should provide them with the opportunity to demonstrate their attainment of the graduate attributes. For more information on Capstone please visit:

<https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/academic-affairs/pdfs/A.5-TEP---Capstone-Project---Definition--Criteria.pdf>

Students should note that ECU33091 – Econometrics A and ECU33092 – Econometrics B are pre-requisite modules for undertaking a Capstone in Economics so students should be cognizant of this when making module choices.

5.7 Marking Scale

The Institutional marking scale can be referenced in the [Calendar, Part II, General Regulations & Information, Section II, Item 30.](#)

School of Social Sciences & Philosophy Marking Scale

First Class Honours | 70-100

First class honours in the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy is divided into grade bands which represent **excellent**, **outstanding**, and **extraordinary** performances.

A first-class answer demonstrates a comprehensive and accurate answer to the question, which exhibits a detailed knowledge of the relevant material as well as a broad base of knowledge. Theory and evidence will be well integrated and the selection of sources, ideas, methods or techniques will be well judged and appropriately organised to address the relevant issue or problem. It will demonstrate a high level of ability to evaluate and integrate information and ideas, to deal with knowledge in a critical way, and to reason and argue in a logical way.

70-78 EXCELLENT

First class answers (excellent) demonstrate a number of the following criteria:

- comprehensiveness and accuracy;
- clarity of argument and quality of expression;
- excellent structure and organization;
- integration of a range of relevant materials;
- evidence of wide reading;
- critical evaluation;
- lacks errors of any significant kind;
- shows some original connections of concepts and theories;
- contains reasoned argument and comes to a logical conclusion.

This answer does not demonstrate outstanding performance in terms of independence and originality.

79-84 OUTSTANDING

In addition to the above criteria, an outstanding answer will show frequent original treatment of material. Work at this level shows independence of judgement, exhibits sound critical thinking. It will frequently demonstrate characteristics such as imagination, originality, and creativity. This answer does not demonstrate exceptional performance in terms of insight and contribution to new knowledge.

85-100 EXTRAORDINARY

This answer is of a standard far in excess of what is expected of an undergraduate student. It will show frequent originality of thought, a sophisticated insight into the subject and make new connections between pieces of evidence beyond those presented in lectures. It demonstrates an ability to apply learning to new situations and to solve problems.

What differentiates a first class piece of work from one awarded an upper second is a greater lucidity, a greater independence of judgement, a greater depth of insight and degree of originality, more evidence of an ability to integrate material, and evidence of a greater breadth of reading and research.

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Second Class, First Division II.1 60-69

An upper second class answer generally shows a sound understanding of both the basic principles and relevant details, supported by examples, which are demonstrably well understood, and which are presented in a coherent and logical fashion. The answer should be well presented, display some analytical ability and contain no major errors of omissions. Not necessarily excellent in any area.

Upper second class answers cover a wider band of students. Such answers are clearly highly competent and typically possess the following qualities:

- accurate and well-informed;
- comprehensive;
- well-organised and structured;
- evidence of reading;
- a sound grasp of basic principles;
- understanding of the relevant details;
- succinct and cogent presentation; and
- evaluation of material although these evaluations may be derivative.

One essential aspect of an upper second-class answer is that it must have completely dealt with the question asked by the examiner. In questions:

- all the major issues and most of the minor issues must have been identified;
- the application of basic principles must be accurate and comprehensive; and
- there should be a conclusion that weighs up the pros and cons of the arguments.

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Second Class, Second Division II.2 50-59

A substantially correct answer which shows an understanding of the basic principles.
Lower second class answers display an acceptable level of competence, as indicated by the following qualities:

- generally accurate;
- an adequate answer to the question based largely on textbooks and lecture notes;
- clearly presentation; and
- no real development of arguments.

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Third Class Honours III 40-49

A basic understanding of the main issues if not necessarily coherently or correctly presented.

Third class answers demonstrate some knowledge of understanding of the general area but a third-class answer tends to be weak in the following ways:

- descriptive only;
- does not answer the question directly;
- misses key points of information and interpretation
- contains serious inaccuracies;
- sparse coverage of material; and
- assertions not supported by argument or evidence.

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Fail F1 30-39

Answers in the range usually contain some appropriate material (poorly organised) and some evidence that the student has attended lectures and done a bare minimum of reading.
The characteristics of a fail grade include:

- misunderstanding of basic material;
- failure to answer the question set;
- totally inadequate information; and
- incoherent presentation.

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Bad Fail F2 0-29

Answers in this range contain virtually no appropriate material and an inadequate understanding of basic concepts.

5.8 Coursework & Attendance Requirements

You are required to attend classes and submit assessment work in all modules. A student may be deemed non-satisfactory in a term when more than a third of required work/attendance in that term is missed. Any student who is deemed non-satisfactory in each of the two terms may, in accordance with the regulations laid down by the University Council, be refused permission to take examinations in that year.

To be allowed to sit the ordinary examinations you must have paid the relevant College annual fees and must be in good standing. There is no examination fee payable. There is no notice required of intention to take an examination. (The Scholarship examination is an exception to this.)

5.9 Examinations

For links and information regarding examinations, please go to the [Academic Registry](#) website. There are a number of links available on this page which you may find helpful.

College General Regulations and information are available in the [College Calendar](#).

5.9.1 Registering Modules & Sitting Examinations

You must register your final module choices through your my.tcd portal before the start of teaching term in order to appear on module listings for examination purposes. You are required to take examinations of all modules for which you are registered unless specially exempted by permission from the Senior Lecturer.

5.9.2 Absence from Examinations

Students who may be prevented from sitting an examination or examinations (or any part thereof) due to illness should seek, through their tutor, permission from the Senior Lecturer in advance of the examination session to defer the examination/s to the reassessment session. Students who have commenced the examination session and are prevented from completing the session due to illness should seek, through their tutor, permission from the Senior Lecturer to defer the outstanding examination/s to the reassessment session.

Where such permission is sought, it must be appropriately evidenced:

- For illness: medical certificates must state that the student is unfit to sit examinations/complete assessment and specify the date(s) of the illness and the dates on which the student is not fit to sit examinations/complete assessment. Medical certificates must be submitted to the student's tutor within three days of the beginning of the period of absence from the assessment/examination.

- For other grave cause: appropriate evidence must be submitted to the student's tutor within three days of the beginning of the period of absence from the assessment/examination.

Where illness occurs during the writing of an examination paper, it should be reported immediately to the chief invigilator. The student will then be escorted to the College Health Centre. Every effort will be made to assist the student to complete the writing of the examination paper.

Where an examination/assessment has been completed, retrospective withdrawal will not be granted by the Senior Lecturer nor will medical certificates be accepted in explanation for poor performance.

If protracted illness prevents students from taking the prescribed assessment components, so that they cannot rise into the next class, they may withdraw from College for a period of convalescence, provided that appropriate medical certificates are submitted to the Senior Lecturer. If they return to College in the succeeding academic year they must normally register for the year in full in order to fulfil the requirements of their class. Where appropriate please see the regulations governing fitness to practice.

Where the effects of a disability prevent a student from taking the prescribed assessment components, so that they cannot rise into the next class, the Senior Lecturer may permit the student to withdraw from College for a period of time provided that appropriate evidence has been submitted to the Disability Service. If they return to College in the succeeding academic year they must normally register for the year in full in order to fulfil the requirements of their class.

The nature of non-standard examination accommodations, and their appropriateness for individual students, will be approved by the Senior Lecturer in line with the Council-approved policy on reasonable accommodations. Any reports provided by the College's Disability Service, Health Service or Student Counselling Service will be strictly confidential.

5.9.3 Reassessment Examinations

Students take the reassessment examination if they have an excused absence from all or part of the annual examination. The papers to be taken at the reassessment session are determined by the following rules (which are designed to minimize the chances of failure and the associated need to repeat the year and/or be excluded):

- Any paper(s) not taken at the annual examination for excused reasons must be taken at the reassessment session.
- A grade of F2 in any paper taken at the annual examination implies that paper must be taken at the reassessment session as reassessment examination.

- When a paper at the reassessment examination is being taken as a first attempt because of excused absence from the annual examination, work done during the year for which credit would normally be given will be taken into account as if it were the annual examination. Papers being repeated because of failure at the annual examination will include no credit for the work done during the year.

Any assignment or coursework due to be submitted at the reassessment session (regardless of the reason e.g. permission to defer, etc.) must be submitted by the deadline set by the lecturer and by the start of the reassessment exam session at the latest. Coursework or assignments submitted after this date will not be accepted or marked.

5.10 External Examiners

The External Examiners for the JH Economics are Prof Christiane Hellmanzik, Technical University of Dortmund (Junior Sophister) and Prof Christoph Walsh, Tilburg University (Senior Sophister).

5.11 Progression Regulations

For information on College progression regulations, please visit the College Calendar at: <https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/calendar/undergraduate-studies/complete-part-II.pdf>

5.11.1 Publication of Results

Publication of results takes place on dates as specified and agreed by the Programme Committee and are advised under 'Key Dates' of the Handbook. Students are emailed the date of publication of results. Results are also published to your Student Portal my.tcd.ie.

The following terms apply:

- Any student who fails to receive his/her result and whose result is not on the notice board/my.tcd.ie should contact his/her tutor immediately.
- In no circumstances will results be given over the telephone.
- Students have a right to discuss examination scripts privately with the individual examiners. A student who wishes to do so should consult the appropriate examiners, (via email) within a reasonable time after the results have been announced, in order to schedule a meeting.
- Students wishing to an appeal against a result should consult their College tutors after they have seen the examiner(s). Such action must be taken immediately after the results are published.
- Examination scripts are held by examiners, or departmental offices, for a period of 13 months. This period of 13 months begins on the day of the publication of the

relevant examination results. Scripts cannot be released to students, but students may view their own scripts in the presence of the relevant examiner.

5.11.2 Re-Checks

You are entitled to discuss your performance with examiners after your results have been published. Having discussed your performance with the examiner(s) and ascertained that the mark in question was correctly calculated, you may ask that their results be re-considered if they have reason to believe:

- a) That the examination paper contained questions on modules which were not part of the module prescribed for the examination,
or
- b) That bias was shown by an examiner in marking the script.

Through your tutor, you may appeal to the Senior Lecturer. In submitting your case, you should state under which of (a) or (b) above the request is being made. If a mark is revised, the Director of the Single Honors Philosophy programme will be notified of the mark change by the relevant Director of Undergraduate Teaching and Learning of the School. The Director will, by reference to the Single Honors Philosophy Programme conventions, and with the permission of the Senior Lecturer, amend the relevant module result(s) and overall grade as appropriate.

5.11.3 Compensation

For compensation regulations please see the [College Calendar](#).

5.11.4 Appeals

You may appeal a decision of the Court of Examiners. The grounds for appeal must fall under *one or more* of the following categories:

- i. the case of the appellant is not adequately covered by the ordinary regulations of the College,
- ii. the regulations of the College were not properly applied in the appellant's care,
and/or
- iii. the appeal is *ad misericordiam*.

Appeals in the first instance must be made to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences.

As the Appeal Committee meets to hear these appeals within one week of the publication of results, it is imperative that students, or authorized and adequately briefed deputies, are present to obtain and consider results as soon as they become available.

Appeals should be made via electronic form by a student's tutor or, if the tutor is unavailable to act, by the Senior Tutor.

5.11.5 Transcripts

Transcripts request may be made by emailing economics.undergrad@tcd.ie. Please quote your student number, course and year when requesting a transcript.

Transcripts will include the set of grades that permit students to rise with their year and the set of grades that forms the basis of the award of the degree. The transcript will make explicit whether or not one or two sittings were required (however supplemental in a paper for which there was a deferral permitted from the annual session is not considered a separate sitting and whether or not a year is repeated. The grades achieved on the second sitting will be clearly indicated. Where more than one sitting was required an overall grade will always be recorded as a Pass/Fail.

The Scholarship Examination is an exception to the above. The examination will not be reflected on the student transcript unless the student has obtained Scholarship, in which case such information, if requested, shall appear (by way of asterisk and explanation) below the grades for Senior Fresh year.

Transcripts are never issued to a third party, such as a parent or prospective employer without the consent of the person named on the transcript.

5.11.6 Off-Book Regulations

The Senior Lecturer may permit students who are in good standing to go 'off-books'. This may be for personal reasons or on medical grounds where to do so would be in the best interests of the student. 'Off-Books' students can be re-admitted to the College in a subsequent year only at the discretion of the Senior Lecturer. 'Off-Books' students suffering from ill-health who have allowed their names to go off the books can only be readmitted, even in the current academic year, at the discretion of the Senior Lecturer who may require a satisfactory certificate from a nominated medical referee. For further information please revert to the [College Calendar](#).

5.11.7 Repeat Years

Students are not permitted to repeat a year more than once or repeat more than two separate years.

5.12 Awards

Depending on student choices made within their programme of study and available pathways, it may be possible to be conferred with a Bachelor in Arts (Moderatorship) award in one of the following categories: Joint Honours, Single Honours, or Major with Minor.

For further information on how the overall grade is calculated, please visit the [College Calendar](#).

5.13 Graduate Attributes

The Trinity Graduate Attributes represent the qualities, skills, and behaviours that you will have the opportunity to develop as a Trinity student over your entire university experience, in other words, not only in the classroom, but also through engagement in co- and extracurricular activities (such as summer work placements, internships, or volunteering).

The four Trinity Graduate Attributes are:

- To Think Independently
- To Act Responsibly
- To Develop Continuously
- To Communicate Effectively



Why are the Graduate Attributes important?

The Trinity Graduate Attributes will enhance your personal, professional and intellectual development. They will also help to prepare you for lifelong learning and for the challenges of living and working in an increasingly complex and changing world. The Graduate Attributes will enhance your employability. Whilst your degree remains fundamental, also being able to demonstrate these Graduate Attributes will help you to differentiate yourself as they encapsulate the kinds of transversal skills and abilities, which employers are looking for.

How will I develop these Graduate Attributes?

Many of the Graduate Attributes are 'slow learned', in other words, you will develop them over the four or five years of your programme of study. They are embedded in the curriculum and in assessments, for example, giving presentations and engaging in group work.

You will also develop them through the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. If you help to run a club or society you will be improving your leadership skills, or if you play a sport, you are building your communication and team-work skills.

5.14 Student Feedback & Evaluation

Evaluation of courses and their constituent modules is an important component of the College's commitment towards improving the quality of teaching and the support of learning. To this end, all modules that are taught by the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy are evaluated on a twice-yearly basis using an online survey. The survey is anonymous, and the results are used in reviewing and improving aspects of each module and its delivery. We particularly want to hear what students think was good about a module and what needs to be improved. Student feedback forms an important part of the evaluation and review process.

All results for each survey are collated and made available to the lecturer who taught the module, the Head of Department, the Head of School, the School's Director of Teaching and Learning (UG/PG), and the School Manager. Teaching Assistants receive their feedback through communication with the course lecturer.

Studies have shown that there is some gender bias in student evaluations of teaching – namely that female lecturers tend to receive more negative evaluations than their male counterparts. We ask you to bear this in mind when making your evaluations.